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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CENTO
SUBJECT: CENTO SECRETARY GENERAL

1. SUMMARY. CENTO IS STILL WITHOUT A SECRETARY GENERAL AND NO ONE HAS YET BEEN NOMINATED BY THE TURKS. THE EMBASSY EXPECTS GOT ACTION ON THE NOMINATION BEFORE FEBRUARY.
END SUMMARY.

2. WHEN FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL BAYULKEN RESIGNED AUGUST 1 TO BECOME SECRETARY GENERAL TO THE TURKISH PRESIDENT, BOTH PAKISTAN AND IRAN WERE INVITED TO NOMINATE A SUCCESSOR AND BOTH DECLINED AND TURKEY ACCEPTED. CENTO SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS INFORM US THAT
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IT IS THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT WHEN THE GOT FINALLY NOMINATES A CANDIDATE THAT PERSON WILL HAVE A FULL THREE YEAR TERM OF OFFICE AND WOULD NOT SERVE OUT BAYULKEN'S REMAINING TOUR.

3. THE LONG DELAY IN NAMING A NEW CENTO SECRETARY GENERAL SEEMS TO BE A PRODUCT OF POLITICS WITHIN THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT. AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL APPOINTMENTS HAVE WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS BEEN

TIED UP FOR THE LAST TWO AND A HALF YEARS BY A DISPUTE IN THE CABINET OVER DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ERBAKAN'S INSISTANCE ON NAMING "RELIGIOUS AND CULTURALLY" APPROPRIATE MEN TO ISLAMIC POSTS.

4. IF THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT FALLS, WHICH IS NOW CONSIDERED LIKELY, PRESUMABLY THE AMBASSADORIAL LOGJAM WOULD BE BROKEN AND A CENTO SECRETARY GENERAL NOMINATED. IN ANY CASE, WE EXPECT GOT ACTION ON THE CENTO APPOINTMENT SOON. FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL BAYULKEN RECENTLY TOLD A BRITISH EMBOFF THAT AT BAYULKEN'S URGING TURKISH PRESIDENT KORUTURK HAD TAKEN AN INTEREST IN THE CENTO APPOINTMENT AND THAT ACTION ON THE NOMINATION COULD BE EXPECTED BEFORE THE END OF JANUARY. THE EMBASSY IS ALSO IN RECEIPT OF A LETTER FROM THE CENTO SECRETARIAT PROPOSING THAT THE NEW SECRETARY GENERAL, WHOEVER HE MAY BE, WOULD WANT TO BEGIN HIS ANNUAL VISITS TO MEMBER CAPITALS IN EARLY FEBRUARY (SEPTTEL). SPIERS

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